The Expert Group recommended:

Development of a detailed tectonic model of the region to overcome the present limitations of data and understanding of the assumptions made.

Setting up of a seismic monitoring network.

Opening of branches of Banks in Bhiwani

28. SHRI DINKARRAO GOVINDRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any new branches of nationalised banks are proposed to be opened in Bhiwani (Haryana); and

(b) if so, what are the names of the nationalised banks whose branches are proposed to be opened and the location thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) and (b) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has reported that under the current Branch Licensing Policy for 1985-90, two licences for opening branches at urban centre Bhiwani of Haryana, have been issued. The details are set out below:

Name of the locality	Name of the allottee bank
Vikas Nagar	State Bank of Patiala.
Loharu Road	Union Bank of India.

Applications from freedom fighters of Hyderabad Freedom Movement for pension

29. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several applications from freedom fighters of Hyderabad Freedom Movement are pending under consideration;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof including the number of applications approved, the number of applications under consideration and the number of applications rejected along with the reasons therefor; and

(c) by when all the applications will be finally approved?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHINTAMANI PANIGRAHI): (a) to (c) There are 3 categories of freedom fighters who participated in the Hyderabad Freedom Movement, namely:—

(i) the general category of freedom fighters who had participated while staying within the erstwhile Hyderabad State;

(ii) those who participated in the merger movement and suffered abscondence or internment/externment but were unable to produce evidence and those who participated in the Camps set up on the borders of the erstwhile Hyderabad State during the merger movement; and

(iii) those who had participated in the Arya Samaj Movement of 1938-39.

As regards category (i), it is not possible to give the figures of the number of applications received and sanctioned in respect of erstwhile Hyderabad State because district-wise figures are not maintained and parts of the erstwhile Nizam State of Hyderabad have since been merged into the States of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Maharashtra as a result of Re-organisation of States.

As for category (ii), about 19,000 applications were received and the Non-Official Hyderabad Special Screening Committee set up for scrutinising such claims have recommended grant of pension in about 6,550 cases while rejecting the remaining cases as the claims of participants were not found credible by the Committee.